



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: July 7, 2014

To: Council Member Cam Gordon, Chair – Health, Energy & Community Engagement Committee

Subject: Ordinance Amending Title 4, Chapter 74 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Animals and Fowl: Miscellaneous Regulations

Recommendation: Approval of ordinance

Previous Directives: April 25, 2014 - Subject matter introduction by Council Member Lisa Bender

Department Information

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Financial Impact

- No financial impact

Community Impact

- City Goals
- Other

Supporting Information

By ordinance, Minneapolis Animal Care & Control currently requires honeybee permit applicants to receive the written consent of at least eighty (80) percent of the occupants of properties within one hundred (100) feet of their property and one hundred (100) percent of the signatures of occupants of properties immediately adjacent to the applicant's property. In addition, the current ordinance has specific parameters for hives located on the second or higher story of a property.

The proposed ordinance change would remove these restrictions while keeping a simple notification requirement for surrounding properties and making the following additions:

- Adding a requirement that applicants provide evidence of neighbor notification (c) on an annual basis to Minneapolis Animal Care & Control or face citations and possible revocation of permit (d)
- Specific parameters for applicants who are renters (c)
- Requirements for fence latches (g)⁶
- Requirements for disposal and or removal of hives (g)⁷
- Addition of a new subsection (i), which requires rental property owners to post hive notification in a common area and/or continue notification of tenants

Applicants are encouraged to work with neighbors on placement of hives and mitigation of neighbor concerns.